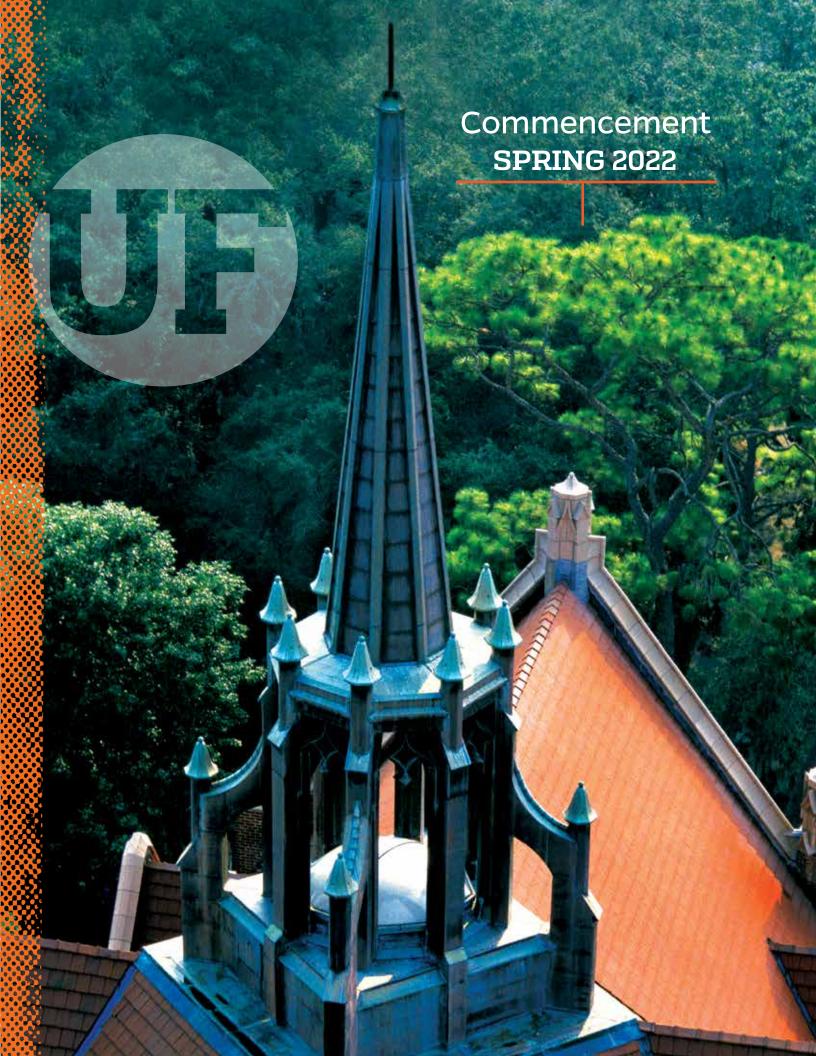
# Commencement





# **Greetings from the President**

n behalf of the University of Florida, our faculty and our entire university community, I would like to extend my deepest congratulations to you, the Doctoral Graduates of the historic year of 2022.

Today's ceremony celebrates your remarkable accomplishment in earning a doctoral degree from a Top 5 public research university. I applaud you for your years dedicated to in-depth scholarship, thoughtful analysis and meticulous presentation of your findings — and for bringing these efforts to completion while overcoming the hardships of a historic pandemic. I join you in thanking your faculty advisors, mentors and the family and friends who have supported you in your journey to reach this day.

Today is a day for celebration, and also for reflection of your future. Whether you choose to pursue a career in academe, the private sector, government or the nonprofit world, I am confident that the research,



The university has benefited from your research work, teaching, insights and discoveries, and we are grateful to you for your time here. You are a special class, and though we know your experience has been different, we hope that you will look back on it with fondness and appreciation, and that you will remain connected to UF as active members of our distinguished alumni.

Best wishes, and Go Gators!



# University of Florida President

#### Dr. W. Kent Fuchs

Dr. Kent Fuchs became the 12th President of the University of Florida in January 2015. Building on many years of excellence and focused leadership, the university has since reached its goal of joining the nation's Top 5 public research universities.

UF continues to advance through the addition of 600 new faculty positions, the construction of advanced and beautiful university facilities, a university wide artificial intelligence initiative and a fundraising campaign that is expected to reach \$4 billion by the end of 2022, a billion over its original goal.

Previous to the UF presidency, Dr. Fuchs was provost of Cornell University. He has served in academic leadership positions and as a faculty member of electrical and computer engineering at Cornell, Purdue and the University of Illinois.

He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Institution of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Association for Computing Machinery and has received numerous awards for teaching and research.

President Fuchs earned his doctorate in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Illinois, and a Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Duke University.





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Presiding Kent Fuchs

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**Processional** 

National Anthem Vocalist: Anthony Offerle

Faculty Brass Quintet: Paul Basler, Ben Elgan, Randy Lee,

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Welcome Kent Fuchs

Introductions Joseph Glover

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Presentation of Distinguished Awards

Joseph Glover

Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science Recipient James Hines

College of Agricultural and

Life Sciences

Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipient Dr. Ira C. Robinson

College of Pharmacy

Commencement Address Joslyn Ahlgren

Instructional Professor and

Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Applied Physiology and Kinesiology

Presenting Candidates for Degrees Joseph Glover

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**Recognition of Graduates** 

Closing Remarks Kent Fuchs

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Recessional and Postlude



# Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

#### **James Hines**

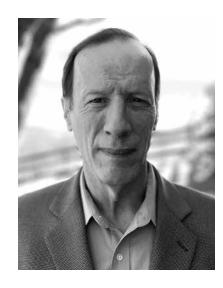
Computer Scientist

James E. Hines has spent the past 40 years developing software and methods for understanding animal population ecology and biometrics. His main areas of impact are population modeling, survival and occupancy estimation, statistical computing, applied statistics, and computational ecology. He earned a bachelor of mathematics degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1979 and has been employed by the U.S. federal government since.

As a computer scientist, Hines has received numerous awards and recognitions, including two of the highest awards from the U.S. Department of the Interior for distinguished and meritorious service. Hines has also earned awards for outstanding publications he co-authored.

Since the early days of computers, Hines has been a leader in developing software for the analysis of wildlife data. His methodological contributions cover a wide range of target parameters, including survival rate, reproductive rate, rates of movement, population size and growth rate, species richness and occupancy, and local rate of extinction and colonization. In addition, he has conducted workshops throughout the world to educate students, wildlife managers and scientists about the ecological software and theory involved. Many of these workshops took place at the University of Florida.

Hines developed and currently maintains a website that provides users with results of the



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Breeding Bird Survey. This site is a "go-to" resource for wildlife managers, researchers and bird enthusiasts interested in learning about more than 650 game and non-game bird species. The website also includes a repository of the freely available ecological analysis software, written and/or maintained by Hines.

Developing the ecological software and assisting many undergraduate and graduate students, post-docs, and wildlife professionals with their data analyses have resulted in Hines's co-authoring three books, eight monographs and more than 200 publications. Although his publication numbers are impressive, Hines gains more satisfaction from helping others with their data analysis problems than appearing as an author.



# **Distinguished Alumnus**

# **Ira Charles Robinson**

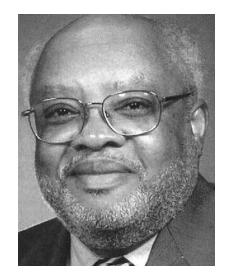
RPh, Ph.D.

Ira Charles Robinson attended Mills High School in Webster, Fla., graduating as valedictorian in 1956. He enrolled at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, earning a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree in 1961. While at FAMU, he served as president of the student body, editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, president of the Great Southeast Region of the United States National Student Association, and member of the Advisory Committee on Higher Education to the governor's commission on race relations.

After practicing pharmacy for two years, he entered the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in 1963 to pursue a doctorate in manufacturing pharmacy. During his time at UF, he was awarded an American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education fellowship. Dr. Robinson graduated in 1966 as the first African American graduate of the college and the first African American to receive a doctoral degree in any discipline at UF.

After graduation, Dr. Robinson joined Pfizer, Inc., becoming their first African American Ph.D. senior research scientist, research project leader, and technical assistant to the company's vice president for research. In 1969, at the age of 28, Dr. Robinson was appointed dean for the FAMU School of Pharmacy, becoming the youngest dean of a college of pharmacy in the country and the first FAMU alumnus to lead its School of Pharmacy. He remained at FAMU until 1972. In 1973, Dr. Robinson was appointed dean at Howard University's College of Pharmacy, serving until 1978.

After leaving academia, Dr. Robinson pursued entrepreneurial endeavors. He worked with



various federal agencies as an international health consultant, the World Bank, and private firms. He also established specialty pharmacy, manufacturing, and wholesale pharmaceutical businesses. He holds a patent for a novel pharmaceutical product and has written three books.

He has held several leadership positions, including founder and executive director for the National Pharmaceutical Foundation, secretary-treasurer of the Council of Deans of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, state director for the American College of Apothecaries, committee member of the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, member of the State of Florida Tripartite Committee on Continuing Education for Pharmacists, and served on the statewide Committee on Drug Abuse.

Dr. Robinson is the father of four healthcare professionals, including two pharmacists. His wife, Clarice James, is a former home economics teacher. They reside in the Tampa Bay region.



# Commencement Speaker

**Joslyn Ahlgren** *Ph.D., ACSM C-EP* 

Joslyn Ahlgren is an instructional professor and the undergraduate program coordinator in the Department of Applied Physiology and Kinesiology (APK) housed in the University of Florida's College of Health and Human Performance. Dr. Ahlgren earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology from Kansas State University. She then earned her Ph.D. in physiological sciences at the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine. During her graduate studies, her research focused on regions of the central nervous system involved in the autonomic responses to hemorrhagic shock and the impact of exercise on those brain structures.

Since becoming a faculty member in 2009, Dr. Ahlgren has taught eight different courses to graduate and undergraduate students in APK, developed two new courses for APK, developed and taught two lab-based courses for the University of Florida Online program and has been the driving force behind significant curriculum revisions at the undergraduate level. Dr. Ahlgren attends many teaching and learning workshops, symposia and seminars every year and serves as an informal liaison in the college for faculty and graduate students wishing to enhance their teaching effectiveness. As a testament to her excellence and leadership in both teaching and course design, Dr. Ahlgren has been named Teacher of the Year three times for



her college and was named University of Florida's Teacher of the Year in 2016. Dr. Ahlgren uses her platform in large enrollment courses focused on the human body to promote the ideals of inclusivity, diversity, equity and accessibility. She is a particularly strong advocate for increasing awareness of and access to health and wellness for the trans community.

In addition to her teaching and service duties at UF, Dr. Ahlgren is a certified exercise physiologist through the American College of Sports Medicine and has been teaching fitness classes and training other instructors for more than 20 years. She has been married to her husband (also a fitness enthusiast) for 17 years and they have five children and two kitties.



# GRADUATE SCHOOL

# NICOLE L. P. STEDMAN, PH.D., ASSOCIATE PROVOST AND DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

# Khalid Yahya Abolkhair

Major: Design, Construction and Planning

Dissertation: Cost Certainty and Timing of Cost Certainty in Public Construction Projects

Dissertation Chair: B. W. Franz

#### Jared M. Adams

Major: Sociology

Dissertation: Revisiting the Academic Caste System: Prestige, Gender, and Inequality in Academic Networks

Dissertation Chair: R. Vacca

#### **Yewande Omolola Addie**

Major: Mass Communication

Dissertation: A Qualitative Framing Analysis of National Opioid Abuse Coverage in Nigerian Newspapers

Dissertation Chair: J. E. McNealy Dissertation Co-Chair: M. J. Lee

# Ashish Adhikari

Major: Plant Pathology

Dissertation: Identification, Epidemiology, Genomics and Biocontrol of Bipolaris Species, Pathogens of Crops and

**Invasive Grasses** 

Dissertation Chair: E. M. Goss Dissertation Co-Chair: P. F. Harmon

#### Jacqueline V. Aenlle

Major: Agricultural Education and Communication

Dissertation: An Examination of Podcast Production and Use in Food, Agricultural, Natural Resources, and Human Science

Communication and Outreach Dissertation Chair: J. L. Loizzo

# **Shubhi Agarwal**

Major: Economics

Dissertation: U.S. Trade Exposure and Local Labor Market Outcomes

Dissertation Chair: E. Dinopoulos Dissertation Co-Chair: G. Heins

#### Mahya Aghaee

Major: Mathematics

Dissertation: An Unconstrained Optimization Approach to Singular Control Problems

Dissertation Chair: W. W. Hager

# **Emmanuel Sunday Ajayi**

Major: Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Dissertation: Development and Testing of a Dynamic, Mechanistic Heat Stress Models for Ungulates

Dissertation Chair: G. A. Kiker
Dissertation Co-Chair: R. A. Bucklin

#### **Amal Khulaif Al Anazi**

Major: Nursing Sciences

Dissertation: The Relationships among Health-Promoting Lifestyle Behaviors and Perceived Stress in Women with Early-

Stage Breast Cancer over Two Years

Dissertation Chair: D. Lyon
Dissertation Co-Chair: D. Kelly

#### Ahmed Al Mata'ni

Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: Critical Narrative Study: Illuminating Western Epistemologies in the Lives of Omani West-Educated TEFL

Teacher Educators via Decolonial Turn

Dissertation Chair: M. R. Coady

# **Dalal Sami Aldossary**

Major: Nursing Sciences

Dissertation: Changes in Family Characteristics in People with Sickle Cell Disease or Trait over a Period of Two Years

Dissertation Chair: M. O. Ezenwa

# **Robert Lowell Aldridge**

Major: Entomology and Nematology

Dissertation: Interactions of Sublethal Insecticide Exposure to Aedes aegypti Infected with Dengue and the Impact on

Insecticide Sensitivity
Dissertation Chair: B. W. Alto

# **Katrina Rachel Alford**

Major: Agricultural Education and Communication

Dissertation: Exploring the Development of Systems Thinking Paradigms and Typologies of Agricultural and Life

**Sciences Faculty** 

Dissertation Chair: T. G. Roberts

# **Majid Suliman Alhomidan**

Major: Linguistics

Dissertation: Loanword Adaptation in Najdi Arabic

Dissertation Chair: C. R. Wiltshire

#### **Nouf A. Aljassar**

Major: Political Science

Dissertation: U.S. Senate Foreign Policy Behavior toward Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Iraq from 2001-2017

Dissertation Chair: B. A. Rosenson

#### **Nader Aliohani**

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dissertation: Smart Grids: Algorithms for Enhanced Grid Efficiency and Reliability

Dissertation Chair: A. S. Bretas

## **Ehsan Amini**

Major: Civil Engineering

Dissertation: Performance Analysis of Freeway Ramp Weaves and Trajectory Optimization of Connected and Automated

Vehicles in These Sections
Dissertation Chair: A. Elefteriadou

# **Elham Amini**

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences—Pharmaceutics

Dissertation: Advancing Bioequivalence Assessments of Orally Inhaled and Nasal Drug Products (OINDPs) via In Vitro,

In Vivo, and *in Silico* Approaches Dissertation Chair: G. Hochhaus Dissertation Co-Chair: J. B. Bulitta

# **Nicolas Anger**

Major: Forest Resources and Conservation

Dissertation: Characterization of the Emergence of Tree Pathogens in Two Diverse Ecosystems: The Cases of Araucaria

humboldtensis, Endemic From New Caledonia and the Betulaceae Rust in Southeastern United States

Dissertation Chair: J. A. Smith

# **Orlando Rafael Arias**

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dissertation: Towards Hardware Assisted Cyber Security

Dissertation Chair: S. Wang

## Marliz Arteaga Gómez-García

Major: Interdisciplinary Ecology

Dissertation: Multilevel Environmental Governance in the Amazon: The Case of Madera Hydroelectric Dam Complex Bolivia

and Brazi

Dissertation Chair: S. G. Perz

#### **William Louis Atkins**

Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: "I Stayed the Course:" Oral Histories of Black College Women and Their Activism during the Black Freedom

Struggle at the University of Florida Dissertation Chair: S. G. Terzian

#### **Aram Babcock**

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences—Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy

Dissertation: Evaluation of HER2- Directed Therapies in HER2+ Non-Metastatic Breast Cancer in Women

Dissertation Chair: V. Diaby

# Yue Bai

Major: Statistics

Dissertation: Multiple Change Points Detection in High-Dimensional Regression Models

Dissertation Chair: A. Safikhani

# **Taylor Gale Bainter**

Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: An Analysis of Pedagogical Decision-Making in Adapting High School Mathematics Instructional Delivery

Methods through the Lens of Teachers, Students, and Administrators

Dissertation Chair: T. L. Adams

## **Amrita Bandopadhyay**

Major: English

Dissertation: Stranger Women: Migration, Mobility and the Formation of Indo-Caribbean Women's Writing

Dissertation Chair: L. R. Rosenberg

#### **Jacob Matthew Behrendt**

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: Particle-Resolved Microscale Flows with a Shock

Dissertation Chair: S. Balachandar

## **Mark McColl Bell**

Major: Counseling and Counselor Education

Dissertation: Immersion and Mindfulness in Virtual Reality: Evaluating the Roles of Emotion, Attention, and Presence in

Virtual Reality Environments Dissertation Chair: J. Swank

# Aftab A. Bhanvadia

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dissertation: Development of Additive Microfabrication Processes Using Stereolithography for Multifunctional Devices

Dissertation Chair: T. Nishida

# **Subhradeep Bhar**

Major: Chemistry

Dissertation: Discovery of Natural Products and Their Biosynthetic Pathways in C. elegans Using Untargeted Metabolomics

Dissertation Chair: R. A. Butcher

#### **Sutonuka Bhar**

Major: Microbiology and Cell Science

Dissertation: Commensal Bacterial Vesicles Production Increase during Norovirus Infection and These Vesicles May Control

**Norovirus Replication** 

Dissertation Chair: M. K. Jones

#### **Daniel Adu Boakye**

Major: Horticultural Sciences

Dissertation: Understanding Citrus Fruit Abscission Mechanisms and Managing Pre-Harvest Fruit Drop in Huanglongbing-

**Affected Citrus Trees** 

Dissertation Chair: F. M. Alferez

# **Jyothi Swaroop Bommidi**

Major: Agricultural Education and Communication

Dissertation: Understanding Capacities of Community Resilience

Dissertation Chair: S. Galindo

# **Andrew C. Bonner**

Major: Psychology

Dissertation: Evaluating the Effects of Behavioral Interventions on Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Dissertation Chair: I. G. DeLeon

#### **Robinson Botero-Arias**

Major: Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

Dissertation: Population Trends and Dynamics, Reproductive Ecology, and Management of Black Caiman

(Melanosuchus niger) in the Middle Sõlimoes River, Mamiraua Reserve, Brazil

Dissertation Chair: B. A. Loiselle Dissertation Co-Chair: J. P. Ross

# **Robert Douglas Botta**

Major: Interdisciplinary Ecology

Dissertation: Enhancing the Usage of Regional Economic Analyses within Resource Management: Case Studies of Florida

**Aquatic Resources** 

Dissertation Chair: E. V. Camp Dissertation Co-Chair: F. Asche

#### **Andrew V. Brooks**

Major: Physics

Dissertation: Fundamentals of Charge Transport in Hybrid Perovskite

Dissertation Chair: X. Zhang

# **Adam V. Bruce**

Major: Physics

Dissertation: First Principles Without Boundaries: DFT Simulations of Transport and Interface Phenomena

Dissertation Chair: H. P. Cheng

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Major: History

Dissertation: The Pompano Boys: How Florida's "Little Scottsboro Case" Led to a Revolution in Criminal Justice

Dissertation Chair: E. R. Dale

#### Elizabeth R. Burt

Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: Ecojustice Education and K-12 Schooling Insights from an Interdisciplinary Study Group

Dissertation Chair: E. Bondy

# **Olivia Caroline Caillouet**

Major: Agricultural Education and Communication

Dissertation: A Qualitative Study of Cooperative Extension's Use of a Systems Approach Leveraging Land-Grant Universities

to Address Complex Issues
Dissertation Chair: A. M. Harder

# **Gabriel Cardoso Carrero**

Major: Geography

Dissertation: Frontier Heterogeneity: Development Processes in the Brazilian Amazon

Dissertation Chair: R. T. Walker

#### **Paula Cristina Cardoso Molinari**

Major: Animal Molecular and Cellular Biology

Dissertation: Influence of Heat Stress on Bovine Uterine Health and Immune Cell Function

Dissertation Chair: J. J. Bromfield

#### **Renato Carvalho**

Major: Plant Pathology

Dissertation: Novel Approaches for Controlling Plant Pathogenic Bacteria and Viruses and Characterization of

Emerging Phytobacteria
Dissertation Chair: M. Paret
Dissertation Co-Chair: J. B. Jones

# **Ching-Yuan Chang**

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences—Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy

Dissertation: Endocrine Therapy, Prescription Opioid, and Antidepressant Use among Breast Cancer Survivors

Dissertation Chair: W. J. Lo Ciganic

#### **Amith Adoor Cheenady**

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: High Pressure Response of Boron Carbide: Influence of Polymorphism, Stoichiometry and Crystal Orientation

Dissertation Chair: G. Subhash

# **Junhong Chen**

Major: Food and Resource Economics

Dissertation: Three Essays on Consumer Behavior in the Food Value Chain: Analysis of Factors Affecting Grocery Store

Selection and Food Choice Dissertation Chair: Z. Gao

#### **Xianhao Chen**

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dissertation: Edge Intelligence: The Convergence of Communications, Computing, and Economics

Dissertation Chair: Y. Fang

# **Inje Cho**

Major: Health and Human Performance

Dissertation: The Role of Social Comparison in Aerobic Physical Activity and Sport Event Participation: A Longitudinal

**Experiment Using a Gamified Mobile Fitness Application** 

Dissertation Chair: K. Kaplanidou

#### **David W. Christianson**

Major: Materials Science and Engineering
Dissertation: Design of Magnesium Based Alloys

Dissertation Chair: M. V. Manuel

#### Brian M. Cicali

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences—Pharmaceutics

Dissertation: Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic/Pharmacodynamic Modeling and Pharmacoepidemiologic

**Applications to Optimizing Macrolide Therapies** 

Dissertation Chair: S. Schmidt Dissertation Co-Chair: J. D. Brown

#### Jennifer L. Clark

Major: Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Dissertation: Factors Differentiating Small Scale Farm Operators' Reliance on Risk Planning Information Using a Signal

**Detection Approach to Planning Decisions under Uncertainty** 

Dissertation Chair: W. A. Porter

# Ezra F. Cockram

Major: Nuclear Engineering Sciences

Dissertation: Laser Ablation Plasmas as Surrogates of Early Nuclear Fireball Vapor Chemistry

Dissertation Chair: A. P. Enqvist

# **Megan Dance Cogburn**

Major: Anthropology

Dissertation: Forging Care: Time and the Governance of Pregnancy and Birth in Rural Tanzania

Dissertation Chair: M. T. Østebø Dissertation Co-Chair: A. E. Strong

## Vincent N. Colantonio

Major: Horticultural Sciences

Dissertation: Applications of Artificial Intelligence for the Genetic Improvement of Crop Plants

Dissertation Chair: M. F. Ribeiro de Resende Jr.

# **Bradley Michael Coleman**

Major: Agricultural Education and Communication

Dissertation: Examining the Effects of Reflection Mode and Transfer Level on Students' Content Knowledge, Post Course

Retention, and Transfer Skills While Learning Experientially

Dissertation Chair: J. C. Bunch

#### Matthew P. Conlin

Major: Geology

Dissertation: Assessing Storm-Driven Evolution of Coastal Morphology through the Use and Development of Numerous

Observational Techniques
Dissertation Chair: P. N. Adams

# **Mario Humberto Cortazar Cepeda**

Major: Civil Engineering

Dissertation: Holistic Assessment of Wastewater Treatment Technologies

Dissertation Chair: K. Hatfield

## **Ashton E. Creasy-Marrazzo**

Major: Public Health

Dissertation: The Applied Impact of Host Infection Site Conditions on Antimicrobial Susceptibility: A Focus on Oxygen

Availability and Patient Antimicrobial Exposure Using a Clinical Collection of Vibrio cholerae Isolates

Dissertation Chair: E. J. Nelson

#### **Samantha Lauren Creel**

Major: Linguistics

Dissertation: Verb-Particle Constructions in Arabic and English: A Contrastive Corpus Study of Learner and

Native Language

Dissertation Chair: S. Wulff

#### **Wesley Cuadrado-Castillo**

Major: Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: Dynamic Strain Aging, Static Recrystallization, and Texture Evolution of Dilute Magnesium-Calcium and

Magnesium-Calcium-Zinc Alloys Dissertation Chair: M. V. Manuel

#### **Danielle Love Cucchiara**

Major: Public Health

Dissertation: The Protective Effect of Zinc on Cadmium Toxicity in Daphnia magna at the Molecular Level: An Examination

of Mechanisms

Dissertation Chair: C. D. Vulpe

# **Kai Cui**

Major: Educational Leadership

Dissertation: An Examination of the Uneven Distribution of Education Funding from 2007 to 2016 in China

Dissertation Chair: R. C. Wood
Dissertation Co-Chair: L. B. Eldridge

# **Bryant Frost Davis**

Major: Statistics

Dissertation: Convergence Complexity Analysis of Markov Chain Monte Carlo Algorithms

Dissertation Chair: J. P. Hobert

#### **Mark Andrew Davison**

Major: Design, Construction and Planning

Dissertation: Narratives of the Future and Social Equity in Post-Katrina East Biloxi Mississippi

Dissertation Chair: K. E. Larsen

#### Carolina de Oliveira Jordão

Major: Interdisciplinary Ecology

Dissertation: Saving the Rainforest? Experiences of Being and Acting as NGOs in the Amazon

Dissertation Chair: R. J. Buschbacher

# **Joseph William Dean**

Major: Medical Sciences—Immunology and Microbiology

Dissertation: Ahr Is a Key Regulator of Gut Residency, Differentiation of CD8+T Cells, and the Anti-Tumor Immune Response

Dissertation Chair: L. Zhou

#### **Emilie Pauline Demard**

Major: Entomology and Nematology

Dissertation: Management of Phytophagous Mites in Citrus Under Protective Screen (CUPS)

Dissertation Chair: J. A. Qureshi

#### Rai Atul Desai

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences—Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy

Dissertation: Optimization of Medication Regimen in Adults with Treated Hypertension: Polypharmacy, Effectiveness and

Safety, and Potential Drug-Drug Interactions

Dissertation Chair: S. M. Smith Dissertation Co-Chair: H. Park

#### **Christian J. Devereux**

Major: Chemistry

Dissertation: Furthering the Applicability of the ANI Methodology to Thermodynamics and Electrostatics

Dissertation Chair: A. E. Roitberg

#### **Biswadeep Dhar**

Major: Youth Development and Family Sciences

Dissertation: Shifting Trends in India from 2005-2012: Modernization and Lifestyle Factors Associated with Obesity and

Chronic Disease Disparities among Indian Adults

Dissertation Chair: L. J. O'Neal

Dissertation Co-Chair: H. L. Radunovich

#### **Gretchen Ann Dietz**

Major: Environmental Engineering Sciences

Dissertation: A Narrative Exploration of the Influences of Internship Experiences on the Identities of Black Engineers

Dissertation Chair: E. P. Douglas

# William S. Dodd

Major: Medical Sciences—Physiology and Functional Genomics

Dissertation: Adropin Protects against Subarachnoid Hemorrhage-Induced Brain Injury and Cerebral Vasospasm via

Activation of Endothelial Nitric Oxide Synthase

Dissertation Chair: B. L. Hoh

# **Samantha Brais Douglas-Higgins**

Major: Psychology

Dissertation: A Tale of Two Expectations: How Gender Role Expectations Influence Career Aspirations and Well-Being

Dissertation Chair: C. T. Smith

# **Kristin Nicole Dunn**

Major: Entomology and Nematology

Dissertation: Investigating the Evolution of Firefly (Coleoptera: Lampyridae) Light Organs through Comparative Morphology

Dissertation Chair: M. A. Branham

# **Ayobami Simeon Edun**

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Minor: Statistics** 

Dissertation: Detection of Faults in a Photovoltaic System Using Spread Spectrum Time Domain Reflectometry:

A Data Driven Approach
Dissertation Chair: J. Harley

#### **Alexander Elchesen**

Major: Mathematics

Dissertation: Universality of the Wasserstein Distances and Relative Optimal Transport

Dissertation Chair: P. Bubenik

# **Jeremy Elias**

Major: Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: Investigating Organic and Inorganic Additives and Crosslinks in Biomimetic Interpenetrating Composites

Dissertation Chair: J. Allen

#### **Nathaniel W. Ellis**

Major: Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology

Dissertation: Dissection of the Genetic Regulation of Bioenergy Traits and Disease Resistance in Populus deltoides and the

Creation of an ATAC-seq Atlas of Chromatin Accessibility within Populus Tissues

Dissertation Chair: M. Kirst

# **Timothy A. Elmslie**

Major: Physics

Dissertation: Tuning Metallic Ferromagnets via Pressure and Substitution

Dissertation Chair: J. J. Hamlin

#### **Shanan Natoia Emmanuel**

Major: Medical Sciences—Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Dissertation: Characterization of the Interactions of Defensins and Antibodies with AAV Capsids: Development of AAV

Immune Escape Variants
Dissertation Chair: R. McKenna

#### **Diane Chidimma Ezeh Aruah**

Major: Mass Communication

Dissertation: Improving Maternal and Child Health in Nigeria through Promoting Family Size Limitation to Nigerian Men

Dissertation Chair: K. B. Walsh-Childers

# **James Joseph Hayward Fahey**

Major: Political Science

Dissertation: The American Demagogues: Causes and Consequences of Populism in American Politics

Dissertation Chair: B. A. Rosenson Dissertation Co-Chair: H. M. Alarian

# Jack E. Famiglietti

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: Control of High-Density 3D Cell Culture in Liquid like Solid Microgels

Dissertation Chair: W. G. Sawyer

# **Jia Fang**

Major: Design, Construction and Planning

Dissertation: Exploring the Role of the Built Environment in Studying Mode Choice Using a Tour-Based Approach

Dissertation Chair: I. Bejleri

#### **Jessica Alice Farrell**

Major: Zoology

Dissertation: Assessing Florida Sea Turtle Populations and Their Threats, Including Fibropapillomatosis Disease

Dissertation Chair: D. J. Duffy

#### **Shane Feyers**

Major: Interdisciplinary Ecology

Dissertation: System Mechanics of Nature-Based Tourism: Producers, Consumers, and Facilitative Actors

Dissertation Chair: T. V. Stein

#### Ronald L. Fick Jr.

Major: Computer Engineering

Dissertation: Robust GANs for Semi-Supervised Classification

Dissertation Chair: P. D. Gader Dissertation Co-Chair: A. Zare

#### **Quincy Allen Flint**

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dissertation: An Analysis of ELF and VLF Radio Impulses Associated with Transient Luminous Events

Dissertation Chair: R. C. Moore

#### Amanda Franceschini Ghilardi

Major: Chemistry

Dissertation: Part 1. Cyclic Thiosulfonate Compounds Active against HER2 and EGFR Overexpressing Breast Cancers; Part 2.

Tranexamic Acid and Tranexamic Acid Analogues as Potential Anticancer Agents

Dissertation Chair: R. K. Castellano

# **Jeremy Arthur Frusco**

Major: Music

Dissertation: Postcoloniality and Performing Care in the Work of Italian Rapper Ghali

Dissertation Chair: S. Politz

# **Tamiko Michelle Gaines**

Major: Agricultural Education and Communication

Dissertation: A Mixed Methods Study Analyzing the Relationships between Florida 4H Agents' Self Efficacy, Intrinsic

Motivation and Performance Efficacy during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dissertation Chair: C. E. Suarez

# **Ruiliang Gao**

Major: Computer Engineering

Dissertation: Improving Elasto-Plasticity Modeling and User Interaction for Surgery Simulation

Dissertation Chair: J. Peters

# **Andrew Ryan Garcia**

Major: Chemical Engineering

Dissertation: Thermodynamic and Kinetic Crystal Growth Theory for the Design of Metallic and Molecular Crystals

Dissertation Chair: K. J. Ziegler
Dissertation Co-Chair: S. Vasenkov

# Jan Gay

Major: Counseling and Counselor Education

Dissertation: Examining the Relationship between Color-Blind Racial Attitudes, Social Justice Attitudes, Multicultural

Competence, and Advocacy Competency among Professional School Counselors

Dissertation Chair: J. Swank

# **Hernan Carlos Godoy**

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: Modeling and Simulation of the Loss of Stability of Metallic Sheets for Biaxial Loadings

Dissertation Chair: O. Cazacu

Dissertation Co-Chair: B. Revil-Baudard

# **Tian Gong**

Major: Horticultural Sciences

Dissertation: Characterizing Tomato Rootstocks and Their Impact on Growth, Yield, and Fruit Quality of Grafted

**Tomato Plants** 

Dissertation Chair: X. Zhao Dissertation Co-Chair: J. K. Brecht

#### Juan M. Gonzalez

Major: Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology

Dissertation: Computer Vision for High Throughput Quantitative Genetics in Sweet Corn

Dissertation Chair: M. F. Ribeiro de Resende Jr.

#### **Benjamin J. Goolsby**

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: Effects of Reward Context in Mouse Posterior Parietal Cortex during an Auditory Categorization Task

Dissertation Chair: K. Oweiss

#### **Max Lewis Greene**

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: Nonsmooth Data-Based Reinforcement Learning for Online Approximate Optimal Control

Dissertation Chair: W. E. Dixon

# **Kyle B. Griffin**

Major: Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Dissertation: A Kinetic Model for Methylosinus trichosporium OB3b Utilization of Synthetic Food Waste-Derived Biogas for

Growth and Polyhydroxybutyrate Production Dissertation Chair: P. C. Pullammanappallil Dissertation Co-Chair: S. A. Svoronos

#### Yi Gu

Major: Mathematics

Dissertation: Degree Counting Theorems and Blow-Up Analysis for Singular Liouville Systems

Dissertation Chair: L. Zhang

#### **Alexandra Grace Gulick**

Major: Zoology

Dissertation: Green Turtle Grazing Dynamics and Foraging Behavior in Caribbean Seagrass Ecosystems

Dissertation Chair: K. A. Bjorndal

#### **Jing Guo**

Major: Nutritional Sciences

Dissertation: Development of an Amino Acid Based Oral Rehydration Solution with Minimal Anion Secretory Function

Dissertation Chair: S. Vidyasagar

# **Cody R. Gusto**

Major: Agricultural Education and Communication

Dissertation: Nutrition Incentive Programming in a Post-COVID World: Assessing Practitioner Resilience through a

Consensus Framework
Dissertation Chair: J. M. Diaz

# **David Walker Hagan**

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: A New Model for Islet GABA Secretion and Its Effects

Dissertation Chair: E. A. Phelps

#### **Sangyoung Han**

Major: Civil Engineering

Dissertation: Testing and Analysis Methodologies for Florida Concrete Test Road

Dissertation Chair: M. Tia

#### Yi Han

Major: Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Dissertation: Machine Learning and Deep Learning Methods for Environmental Modeling

Dissertation Chair: N. A. Bliznyuk

#### **Natya Hans**

Major: Botany

Dissertation: Statistical and Genomic Perspectives on Diversification

Dissertation Chair: J. G. Burleigh

## Kira Maryann Hansen

Major: Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Dissertation: Compact Bed Plasticulture Improves System Efficiency and Reduces Production Risks for Double and Single

Row Crops Throughout the Eastern Seaboard of the United States

Dissertation Chair: S. Shukla

# **Taylor A. Harmon**

Major: Chemistry

Dissertation: Utilizing Novel Hydrophilic Interaction and Microflow Liquid Chromatography Techniques to Expand

Metabolomic Coverage in LC-MS Biomarker Discovery and Quantitation

Dissertation Chair: R. A. Yost

#### **Hasibul Hasan**

Major: Biostatistics

Dissertation: Bayesian Inference for Continuous-Time Transmission Processes of Infectious Diseases in Close

**Contact Groups** 

Dissertation Chair: Y. Yang

## **Emily Winesett Helm**

Major: Medical Sciences—Immunology and Microbiology

Dissertation: Using a Novel Neonatal Mouse Model to Elucidate Mechanisms of Norovirus-Induced Diarrhea

Dissertation Chair: S. M. Karst

#### **Rebecca Rose Henderson**

Major: Anthropology

Dissertation: Cancer and Crisis: Time, Knowledge, and Violence in Haitian Oncology

Dissertation Chair: A. E. Strong

## Maria Guadalupe Hernandez Gonzalez

Major: Romance Languages—Spanish

Dissertation: Petro-indígena: Energopoder y petrocultura en textos y proyectos folklóricos Mexicanos durante los siglos

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Dissertation Chair: E. A. Hind

#### **Eric Andrew Heumann**

Major: Music

Dissertation: An Analysis of Contrasting Programmatic Techniques in Éclairs sur l'au-delà by Olivier Messiaen and

The Apocalypse by John Tavener Dissertation Chair: P. S. Richards

#### Alexander J. Hoffman

Major: Chemical Engineering

Dissertation: Using Probe Species and Reactions to Study Catalyst Active Site Structures and Develop Density Functional

Theory Models

Dissertation Chair: D. Hibbitts

#### **Joseph Michael Hoft**

Major: Criminology, Law, and Society

Dissertation: Decision Making in A Legal Case

Dissertation Chair: J. Lane

Dissertation Co-Chair: L. M. Levett

#### Nicholas T. Homziak

Major: Entomology and Nematology

Dissertation: Evolution of Hindwing Color in Underwing Moths

Dissertation Chair: A. Kawahara

# **Chu Jane Hsiao**

Major: Anthropology

Dissertation: A Biocultural Approach to Understanding How Psychosocial Stress Can Become Biologically Embedded to

Affect Health

Dissertation Chair: C. J. Mulligan

#### Chu Hsu

Major: Coastal and Oceanographic Engineering

Dissertation: Characterization of the Effects of Tropical-Cyclone Properties on Waves and Total Water Levels along the

Coast in the South Atlantic Bight

Dissertation Chair: Maitane L. Olabarrieta

# **Honggang Hu**

Major: Business Administration—Information Systems and Operations Management

Dissertation: Three Essays on Retail and Platform Operations

Dissertation Chair: X. Pan

Dissertation Co-Chair: T. Rajapakshe

#### Xinzhe Hu

Major: Physics

Dissertation: Thermodynamics, Magnetism and Phase Transitions of the Frustrated Pyrochlore Ferromagnet Yb, Ti, O, and

the Field-Induced Kitaev Quantum Spin Liquid α- RuCl

Dissertation Chair: Y. Takano

#### Yue Hu

Major: Chemistry

Dissertation: DNA in Plasmon-Mediated Photochemistry

Dissertation Chair: W. Wei

# Yi Huang

Major: Plant Pathology

Dissertation: Evaluation of  $\beta$ -Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide for the Potential to Manage Powdery Mildew on Squash

and Halo Blight on Snap Bean Dissertation Chair: S. Zhang Dissertation Co-Chair: Z. Mou

#### Joshua A. Hull

Major: Medical Sciences—Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Dissertation: Investigation of Trafficking and Egress of AAV2

Dissertation Chair: R. McKenna

# Haekyung Im

Major: Design, Construction and Planning

**Minor: Statistics** 

Dissertation: ML-Based Prediction of Urban Residential Buildings' Electricity Consumption Owing to Climate Change for

Gainesville, Florida

Dissertation Chair: R. S. Srinivasan

#### **K.D. Lynnae Jacobs**

Major: Public Health

Dissertation: Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy in Minoritized Racial and Ethnic Communities: An Examination of COVID-19

Vaccine Confidence in Black Adults within the United States

Dissertation Chair: J. L. Pomeranz

# **Anuj Jain**

Major: Computer Engineering

Dissertation: Algorithms for Large Graphs

Dissertation Chair: S. K. Sahni

#### **Vineet Kumar Jakhar**

Maior: Chemistry

Dissertation: Synthesis and Characterization of Tethered Alkylidene Complexes for Ring Expansion

Metathesis Polymerization Dissertation Chair: A. S. Veige

#### **Julie Frances Jameson**

Major: Chemical Engineering

Dissertation: In Vitro and In Vivo Degradation of Silk Biomaterials

Dissertation Chair: W. L. Stoppel

#### **Hye Ryeon Jang**

Major: Political Science

Dissertation: China's Energy Mercantilism, Asymmetric Trade Dependence, and the Escalation of Its Militarized

Maritime Disputes
Dissertation Chair: I. Oren

#### **Kalene Rose Jasso Johnson**

Major: Medical Sciences—Neuroscience

Dissertation: Role of Melanin Concentrating Hormone Receptor 1 in Olfactory Signaling

Dissertation Chair: J. C. McIntyre

#### **Arun Prasad Javvaji**

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dissertation: Efficient Time-Based Circuits for Analog to Digital Converters in Scaled CMOS Processes

Dissertation Chair: N. Maghari

#### Ramesh Jayaraman

Major: Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: Synthesis and Purification of Carbon Nanotubes and Their Use in Display Applications

Dissertation Chair: K. S. Jones
Dissertation Co-Chair: B. P. Gila

# Mary E. Jeghers

Major: Rehabilitation Science

Dissertation: Community Mobility: Transportation Behaviors, Challenges, and Opportunities among Multiple

**Stakeholder Groups** 

Dissertation Chair: S. M. Winter Dissertation Co-Chair: S. Classen

#### **Remy E. Jennings**

Major: Business Administration—Management

Dissertation: Leaders as Translators: The Double-Edged Sword of Leader Vision Translation at Work

Dissertation Chair: K. Lanaj

#### **Chao Jiang**

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dissertation: Optimization of FPGA-Based Deep Learning Accelerator for Heterogeneous Computing

Dissertation Chair: H. Lam

# **Wenguang Jiang**

Major: Physics

Dissertation: Superfluid <sup>3</sup>He-B Surface States in a Confined Geometry Probed by a Microelectromechanical Oscillator

Dissertation Chair: Y. Lee

# **Nicholas S. Johnston**

Major: Entomology and Nematology

Dissertation: Biological Cues Associated with the Management of Silverleaf Whitefly (Bemisia tabaci Gennadius)

in Vegetables

Dissertation Chair: X. P. Martini

# Suman Raja Jumani

Major: Soil and Water Sciences

Dissertation: River Fragmentation: Quantification, Empirical Validation, and Implications for Conservation

Dissertation Chair: M. Deitch

# **Youssef Omar Kaddoura**

Major: Forest Resources and Conservation

Dissertation: Georeferencing PhenoCam Images for Multi-Modal Fusion with Geospatial Data

Dissertation Chair: B. E. Wilkinson
Dissertation Co-Chair: E. N. Broadbent

# Min Ji Kang

Major: English

Dissertation: Shared Narratives of Defiance: Korean "Comfort Women" and African American Enslaved Women

Dissertation Chair: M. J. Schueller

# **Armand Kapllani**

Major: Economics

Dissertation: Three Essays in Partial Identification

Dissertation Chair: H. H. Sandoval

#### Meserret Karaca

Major: Industrial and Systems Engineering

Dissertation: Pattern Mining and Anomaly Detection on Multivariate Discrete Sequential Data

Dissertation Chair: M. M. Alvarado Dissertation Co-Chair: P. M. Pardalos

# **Mary Mai Kasper**

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: Engineering Bioactive Hyaluronan-Based Hydrogel Scaffolds for Peripheral Nerve Applications

Dissertation Chair: C. E. Schmidt

# Jack P. Kennedy

Major: Medical Sciences—Neuroscience

Dissertation: Movement Related Changes in Cortical Local Field Potentials

Dissertation Chair: A. P. Maurer

#### **Emily S. Khazan**

Major: Interdisciplinary Ecology

Dissertation: Thermal, Community, and Microbial Ecology of Butterflies of the Colombian Andes

Dissertation Chair: J. C. Daniels
Dissertation Co-Chair: B. A. Loiselle

# **Chaejin Kim**

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences—Pharmaceutics

Minor: Computer Science

Dissertation: Application of Quantitative Pharmacology Approaches to Solve Complex Drug Development Problems

Dissertation Chair: V. Vozmediano Esteban

# MinJi Kim

Major: Mass Communication

Dissertation: The Appraisal Tendencies of Core and Moral Disgust and the Effects on Food Choices

Dissertation Chair: Y. Lee

# Alexander M. Knapp

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: Predicting Localized Damage of the Anterior Cruciate Ligament and Its Effects via Finite Element Analysis

Dissertation Chair: L. N. Williams

# **Richard Otto Krogman**

Major: Mathematics

Dissertation: Injection Structures Specified by Finite State Machines

Dissertation Chair: D. A. Cenzer

# Soham A. Kulkarni

Major: Physics

Dissertation: Technology Development for Ground Verification of Dimensional Stability of the LISA Telescope

Dissertation Chair: G. Mueller

#### Ravi A. Kumar

Major: Health and Human Performance

Dissertation: Radicals in the Respiratory Muscle: How Reactive Oxygen Species Alter Diaphragm Function in Health

and Disease

Dissertation Chair: L. F. Ferreira

# Hajime Guillermo Kurita Oyamada

Major: Veterinary Medical Sciences

Dissertation: Molecular Toxicity Evaluation of the Effect of Novel Nanoparticle Using Fathead Minnow Fish as a Model

Dissertation Chair: N. D. Denslow

#### **Daniel Kutor**

Major: Mathematics

Dissertation: Applications of Recommendation Systems to Teaching and Learning

Dissertation Chair: C. Ngonghala

# **Samuel Kwakye**

Major: Soil and Water Sciences

Dissertation: Evaluation of Varying Rates of Selected Macro- and Micro- Nutrients, and Water Use in HLB-Affected Citrus

Trees in Florida

Dissertation Chair: D. M. Kadyampakeni

# **Behshad Lahijanian**

Major: Industrial and Systems Engineering

Dissertation: Stochastic Programming Models, Algorithms, and Analysis for Risk-Averse Decision-Making in Healthcare

Dissertation Chair: M. M. Alvarado

# Jeongwoo Lee

Major: Economics

Dissertation: The Economics of Ridehailing: Contemporary Issues on Taxis and Transportation Network Providers

Dissertation Chair: J. H. Hamilton

#### **Kyung-hwan Lee**

Major: Physics

Dissertation: Probing the Origin or R-Process Nucleosynthesis with Radio Flares

Dissertation Chair: I. Bartos

# **Susanna Shinmyung Lee**

Major: Mass Communication

Dissertation: Can Soothing ASMR Advertising Reduce Advertising Avoidance? Experimental Investigations of the Influence

of Endorser and Modality Type on Advertising Effectiveness

Dissertation Chair: B. K. Johnson Dissertation Co-Chair: T. A. Kelleher

# Joss D. Leehan

Major: Microbiology and Cell Science

Dissertation: Effect of Environment on the Evolution of Rifampicin-Resistance in Bacillus subtilis

Dissertation Chair: W. L. Nicholson

# **Satit Leelathawornchai**

Major: English

Dissertation: Sentiment and Utility in Eighteenth-Century British Abolitionist Writing

Dissertation Chair: R. Maioli

# Jiajun Lei

Major: Chemistry

Dissertation: Segmented Flow Strategies towards an Integrated Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry-Nuclear

Magnetic Resonance Workflow for Lipid Structural Elucidation

Dissertation Chair: R. A. Yost Dissertation Co-Chair: M. E. Merritt

# **Benjamin C. Letson**

Major: Aerospace Engineering

Dissertation: Assessment and Enhancement of Deep UV LED Reliability for Long Duration Space Missions

Dissertation Chair: J. Conklin

#### Amanda N. Lewis

Major: Criminology, Law, and Society

Dissertation: Beyond the Bars—Exploring the Lives of Exonerees and Their Loved Ones as They Cope with Miscarriages

of Justice

Dissertation Chair: L. M. Levett Dissertation Co-Chair: M. Ardelt

# **Sheng-Yang Li**

Major: Horticultural Sciences

Dissertation: Modulated Effect of Plant Growth Regulator Application, Root-Shoot Balance and Source: Sink on Flush

Phenology in Citrus

Dissertation Chair: C. I. Vincent

# **Chunyao Liu**

Major: Design, Construction and Planning

Dissertation: Preserving Historic Interiors: Fashioning History and Taste in New York City and Shanghai

Dissertation Chair: E. K. Cunningham

# Mengfei Liu

Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: Making Sense of the Mandate: Elementary Education Teacher Educators' Journey of ESOL Infusion

Dissertation Chair: E. J. de Jong

# **Mingjin Liu**

Major: Biostatistics

Dissertation: Analytic Methods for Infectious Diseases Transmission Dynamics Based on Surveillance Data and Genetic Data

Dissertation Chair: Y. Yang Dissertation Co-Chair: S. Datta

#### **Sitong Liu**

Major: Chemical Engineering

Dissertation: Design of Inorganic Nanoparticles for Imaging Agents Including Magnetic Particle Imaging and

**Computed Tomography** 

Dissertation Chair: C. Rinaldi-Ramos

#### Yikan Liu

Major: Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Dissertation: Enhancing Anaerobic Digestion Performance by Pretreatment, Process Design Improvement and

**Inoculum Selection** 

Dissertation Chair: P. C. Pullammanappallil Dissertation Co-Chair: S. A. Svoronos

# **Lindsay Ann Lloveras**

Major: Psychology

Dissertation: An Evaluation of the Relation between Sleep and Problem Behavior in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Dissertation Chair: T. R. Vollmer

# Xiyao Ma

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dissertation: Deep Representation Learning in Question Answering and Item Recommendation

Dissertation Chair: D. Wu

# Sabrina L. Macias

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: Inducing Tolerance in Preclinical Psoriasis and the Foreign Body Reaction through Modulation

of Immunometabolism

Dissertation Chair: B. G. Keselowsky

#### Ian G. Malone

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dissertation: Electrical Epidural Stimulation: Engineered Respiratory Neuroplasticity after Spinal Cord Injury

Dissertation Chair: K. Otto Dissertation Co-Chair: E. A. Dale

#### **Ushnish Mandal**

Major: Chemistry

Dissertation: New Ligands for Tuning Metal-Carbon Multiple Bonds

Dissertation Chair: A. S. Veige

# **Marcus Vinicius Marin**

Major: Plant Pathology

Dissertation: Biology and Management of Phytophthora Diseases of Strawberry

Dissertation Chair: N. A. Peres

#### Joshua L. Martin

Major: Linguistics

Dissertation: Automatic Speech Recognition Systems, Spoken Corpora, and African American Language: An Examination of

**Linguistic Bias and Morphosyntactic Features** 

Dissertation Chair: F. McLaughlin

#### Jose Ismael Martinez

Major: Entomology and Nematology

Dissertation: Discovering the Origins of the Noctuid Moths and Systematics of Pantheid Moths (Lepidoptera: Noctuoidea)

Dissertation Chair: J. Y. Miller

# **Vladimir Augusto Martinez**

Major: Physics

Dissertation: Infrared Studies of Thermal and Dilute Impurities in High-Purity Silicon

Dissertation Chair: D. B. Tanner

#### **Brittani Ann Maskley**

Major: Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: Feasibility of Infrared Thermography for Sub-Surface Weld Defect Detection in Practice and in

**Theoretical Models** 

Dissertation Chair: M. V. Manuel

#### Joel John Mathias

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dissertation: Balancing the Power Grid with Distributed Control of Flexible Loads

Dissertation Chair: S. P. Meyn

# **Sarah Elizabeth Mays Maestas**

Major: Entomology and Nematology

Dissertation: Wildlife and Public Health: Understanding Vector-Borne Zoonosis in Urban Settings, and a Method for Large-

Scale Tick-Borne Pathogen Surveillance

Dissertation Chair: P. E. Kaufman

# **Molly Jean McDougle**

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences—Pharmacodynamics
Dissertation: Macronutrient Signaling in the Gut-Brain Axis

Dissertation Chair: G. De Lartigue

# Casey S. McKinney

Major: Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: Linking Three-Dimensional Fission Product Structures and Performance in Oxide Nuclear Fuels

Dissertation Chair: A. Aitkaliyeva

# **Zachary Perry McNiece**

Major: Counseling and Counselor Education

Dissertation: Ripples in Sand and Time: Intergenerational Trauma in Queer Communities

Dissertation Chair: A. Puig

#### Russell W. Mellen

Major: Medical Sciences—Genetics

Dissertation: Development of an AAV-CRISPR/Cas9-Based Therapy for the Treatment of a Dominant Cone-Rod Dystrophy

Dissertation Chair: S. E. Boye

# **Octavio Augusto Menocal Sandoval**

Major: Entomology and Nematology

Dissertation: Hidden Life-History Traits of an Ambrosia Beetle

Dissertation Chair: D. Carrillo

# **Carla Milagros Mere Roncal**

Major: Forest Resources and Conservation

Dissertation: Unraveling the Mechanisms of Tinamous Co-Occurrence in an Amazonian Landscape

Dissertation Chair: E. N. Broadbent

#### **Robert Louis Mermer II**

Major: Political Science

Dissertation: Legislating for the Moral Economy of the Working Class: Economic Inequality, Labor, and Representation

Dissertation Chair: L. C. Dodd

Dissertation Co-Chair: M. D. Martinez

#### **Leandra Mae Merz**

Major: Geography

Minor: Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

Dissertation: Coupled Human and Wildlife Systems in Southern Africa

Dissertation Chair: B. A. Child
Dissertation Co-Chair: J. Southworth

# **Paula Giselle Mondragon**

Major: Microbiology and Cell Science

Dissertation: Stress Proteins in Archaea: The Role of Targeted Proteins in Resistance to Oxidative Stress in

Haloferax volcanii

Dissertation Chair: J. A. Maupin

#### **Pamela Montero Alvarez**

Major: Interdisciplinary Ecology

Dissertation: Conservation Strategies in the Contemporary Amazon: Community-Based Tourism, Networks, and Actions

Among Conservation Organizations Dissertation Chair: S. G. Perz Dissertation Co-Chair: A. Almeyda

# **Urbashi Mookerjee**

Major: Economics

Dissertation: Three Essays on E-Commerce and the Local U.S. Economy

Dissertation Chair: J. H. Hamilton

#### **Elizabeth Duermit Moreau**

Major: Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences

Dissertation: Effects of Life History, Fishing Pressure, and Changing Environmental Conditions on Parasite Species Richness

in Fished Decapod Crustaceans Dissertation Chair: D. C. Behringer Jr.

# **Priscilla Vanessa Moreno Bell**

Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: Cuentos de Resistencia: A Narrative Study of Latine Students' (In)Visible Experiences at a PWI

Dissertation Chair: S. G. Terzian

# **Pablo Moreno Garcia**

Major: Interdisciplinary Ecology

Dissertation: Variation in Plant-Pollinator and Host-Parasite Networks along Spatial and Temporal Gradients

Dissertation Chair: B. H. Baiser

#### **Kartik Motwani**

Major: Medical Sciences-Neuroscience

Dissertation: Coiled Cerebral Aneurysm Healing: Role of Adjuvant Interleukin-17A Blockade in Tissue Repair and Peripheral

**Immune Response** 

Dissertation Chair: B. L. Hoh

# **Sourav Mukherjee**

Major: Statistics

Dissertation: Convergence Properties of Data Augmentation Algorithms for High-Dimensional Robit Regression, and a Non-

Parametric Approach for Estimating Consumer Valuation Distributions Using Second Price Auctions

Dissertation Chair: K. Khare Dissertation Co-Chair: R. K. Patra

#### Roberto Gerardo Munoz-Pando

Major: Anthropology

Dissertation: Archaeology of Money in Colonial Puerto Rico

Dissertation Chair: C. McCarty

# **Christopher Michael Muntzner**

Major: Linguistics

Dissertation: Nominal Elements in Khoekhoe

Dissertation Chair: B. M. Henderson

# **Mohammed Mustapha**

Major: Anthropology

Dissertation: An Archaeological Investigation into the Practice of Ironworking at Nasia and Its Implications on Social

Continuity and Change in the Mamprugu State of Northern Ghana

Dissertation Chair: K. E. Sassaman Jr. Dissertation Co-Chair: B. H. Chalfin

#### Keerthiraj Nagaraj

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dissertation: Graph and Machine Learning Solutions for Cyber Physical System Security Applications

Dissertation Chair: J. Y. McNair

# **James Robert Nance III**

Major: Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: The Relationship between Microstructural Heterogeneity and Strength Variation in SiC/SiC Composites

Dissertation Chair: G. Subhash

#### **Aravind Neelakantan**

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dissertation: System-Level Modeling and Simulation of Extreme Heterogeneous HPC Systems

Dissertation Chair: H. Lam

#### **July Dayane Nelson**

Major: Agricultural Education and Communication

Dissertation: Developing a Common Evaluation Framework for the NIOSH Centers for Agricultural Safety and Health

Dissertation Chair: S. Galindo

# **Masashi Otani**

Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: Students' Perspectives on Their Curriculum Reflected in the Textbook and Classroom Activities at Japanese

Hoshuko in America

Dissertation Chair: E. J. de Jong

# **Torrian Marcus Pace**

Major: Political Science

Dissertation: Orthodox Requires Paradox: Causes and Consequences of Oversight of the FBI — 1976-2008

Dissertation Chair: B. A. Rosenson Dissertation Co-Chair: R. S. Conley

# Kaylie Allyson Padgett-Pagliai

Major: Microbiology and Cell Science

Dissertation: The Role of LotP in 'Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus' Pathogenicity and Bacterial Persistence

Dissertation Chair: C. F. Gonzalez

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Major: Interdisciplinary Ecology

Dissertation: Population Ecology and Human Dimensions of Morelet's Crocodile Conservation in Southeast Mexico

Dissertation Chair: S. A. Johnson

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Major: Economics

Dissertation: Essays on Economic Studies about South Korea

Dissertation Chair: J. H. Hamilton

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Major: Chemistry

Dissertation: Functional and Topological Polymers

Dissertation Chair: B. S. Sumerlin

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Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: Evaluating Design and Function of Total Knee Arthroplasty: In Vivo And Computational Studies

Dissertation Chair: S. A. Banks

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Major: Design, Construction and Planning

Dissertation: Planning, Citizenship and Refugee Resettlement: A Case Study of Jacksonville, Florida

Dissertation Chair: C. Silver
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Major: Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Dissertation: Fabrication of Multifunctional & Crosslinked Biocomposites from Low-Cost Natural Polymers and

Their Applications

Dissertation Chair: M. J. Correll Dissertation Co-Chair: K. C. Jeong

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Major: Chemistry

Dissertation: Structural and Biochemical Investigations of Ribosomal Peptide Natural Product Biosynthesis

Dissertation Chair: S. D. Bruner

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Dissertation: Engineering an In Vitro Pancreatic Islet Niche

Dissertation Chair: C. Stabler

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Dissertation: Electronic Device Authentication by Exploiting Intrinsic Variations: An Experimental Approach

Dissertation Chair: S. Bhunia

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Dissertation: Social Development among Rural Young Adults: A Person-Centered Approach Examining Adult Social Roles

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Dissertation Chair: L. F. Forthun

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Dissertation: Connecting the Past and the Present: Histogram Layers for Texture Analysis

Dissertation Chair: A. Zare

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Dissertation: Analysis of Aldoxime-Mediated Metabolic Network in Brassicales and Monocots

Dissertation Chair: J. J. Kim

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Major: Civil Engineering

Dissertation: Experimental and Analytical Evaluation of the Flexural Capacity of Concrete Elements with Unbonded and

**Bonded Prestressing** 

Dissertation Chair: G. R. Consolazio Dissertation Co-Chair: H. R. Hamilton

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Major: Business Administration—Accounting

Dissertation: Investor-Firm Private Interactions and Informed Trading: Evidence from New York City Taxi Patterns

Dissertation Chair: W. R. Knechel

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Dissertation: Diversity and Evolution of Brittle Stars across the Worlds Ocean: Revisionary Systematics of Ophiolepidoids

Dissertation Chair: G. Paulay

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Major: Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: Influence of Extracellular Matrix on Mitochondrial Function and Myogenesis

Dissertation Chair: C. Simmons

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Major: Romance Languages—Spanish

Dissertation: El humor y el dolor, las dos caras de una misma moneda. Literatura y film transatlántico: Argentina,

Colombia e Italia

Dissertation Chair: M. E. Sorbille

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Dissertation: Advancing in Leaps and Bounds: A Holistic Analysis of Bounding Locomotor Behaviors in African

Colobine Monkeys

Dissertation Chair: D. Daegling

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Dissertation: CsrA Supports Escherichia coli Growth by Repressing Disadvantageous Expression of Stress Responses

Dissertation Chair: T. Romeo

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Dissertation: Anomaly Detection and Its Applications

Dissertation Chair: D. Wu

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Dissertation: Inspiring Employee Engagement in Remote Workplace: Examining the Role of Internal Communication

Dissertation Chair: M. DiStaso

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Dissertation: Differential Music: Automated Music Generation Using LSTM Networks with Representation Based on Melodic

and Harmonic Intervals
Dissertation Chair: J. P. Sain

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Dissertation: The Rate and Spectrum of Spontaneous Mutation in Two Strains of Caenorhabditis elegans

Dissertation Chair: C. Baer

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Major: Art History

Dissertation: The Blessed Sinner beneath the Cross: Francesco Di Vannuccio's Croce Dipinta, Mary Magdalene, and the

Black Death in Late-Trecento Siena

Dissertation Chair: E. Ross

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Dissertation: The Forest for the Trees: State Logics and Environmental Protection in Uganda

Dissertation Chair: B. H. Chalfin Dissertation Co-Chair: C. M. Tucker

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Dissertation: Image-Based Computational Models of Tumor Mechanics and Perivascular Mass Transport in the Rat Brain

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Dissertation: Social-Behavioral and Phylogenetic Network Dimensions of HIV Transmission in Florida

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Dissertation: Iconography of the Cult of Artemis in the Greek Classical and Imperial Periods

Dissertation Chair: A. E. Jones

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Dissertation: Biomedical Application of Iron Oxide Magnetic Nanoparticles for Cancer Treatment and Immune Cell Tracking

Dissertation Chair: C. Rinaldi-Ramos

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Major: Entomology and Nematology

Dissertation: Integrative Taxonomy to Enhance Accuracy of Identification of Fruit Fly Larvae in the Genus Anastrepha

(Diptera: Tephritidae)

Dissertation Chair: M. A. Branham

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Major: Zoology

Dissertation: Ecological Consequences of Individual Variation in Animal Movement: A Modeling Approach

Dissertation Chair: J. M. Ponciano Castellanos

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Dissertation Chair: R. A. Yost Dissertation Co-Chair: T. J. Garrett

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Dissertation: A Multi-Transgene Gene Immunotherapy Treatment for Multiple Sclerosis in Combination with Current Disease

**Modifying Therapies** 

Dissertation Chair: B. E. Hoffman

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Major: Horticultural Sciences

Dissertation: Characterization of a Major Locus and Discovery of Candidate Genes Responsible of Resistance to

Colletotrichum acutatum in Cultivated Strawberry (Fragaria x ananassa)

Dissertation Chair: V. M. Whitaker

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Dissertation: Techno-Economic Analysis of Cultivation and Recovery of Exopolysaccharides (EPSs) Produced by Saline

Cyanothece Species BG0011

Dissertation Chair: P. C. Pullammanappallil Dissertation Co-Chair: S. A. Svoronos

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Dissertation: Evaluating the Adaptation of Industrial Hemp (Cannabis sativa) as an Agronomic Crop in South Florida

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Dissertation: Evaluating Food Hubs as Alternative Food Systems in North Central Florida

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Dissertation: Galois Scaffolds and Galois Module Structure for Certain Totally Ramified Extensions of Local Fields

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Dissertation: LS-Category and the Topological Complexity of Maps

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Dissertation: Class Size Reduction in Florida's Public K to 12 Schools

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Dissertation: Facial Reduction across Three Representative Taxa: A Geometric Morphometric Approach

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Dissertation: Non-Uniform Electric Field Effects on Dynamically Phase Separated Manganites

Dissertation Chair: A. Biswas

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Dissertation: Engaging the Aging Workforce: Examining Multiple Mechanisms Linking Age to Work Engagement and Age-

**Related HR Practices as Moderators** 

Dissertation Chair: M. Wang

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Major: Physics

Dissertation: Search for Z' Gauge Boson Using Z to 4 Muons Decay Mode in Proton-Proton Collision by Full Run II Data from

Compact Muon Solenoid Detector in Large Hadron Collider

Dissertation Chair: P. R. Avery
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Dissertation: Essays in Public Economics

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Dissertation: Addressing Cyber Deception and Abuse from a Human Factors Perspective

Dissertation Chair: D. S. Oliveira

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Dissertation: The Hypoglossal Motor System: Studies of Neuropathology and Adeno-Associated Virus Mediated Therapy

Dissertation Chair: D. Fuller

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Dissertation: Synthesis of Diiron Clusters Decorated by Hydride, Sulfide and Carbonyl Bridges: Their Application in Small

Molecule Activation

Dissertation Chair: L. J. Murray

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Dissertation: Solvent Mediated Thermodynamic Phase Stability in Families of Two-Dimensional Layered Compounds

Dissertation Chair: D. R. Talham

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Dissertation: Modeling the Relationship between River Discharge and Environmental Factors on Estuarine Fish

Communities in the Suwannee River Estuary

Dissertation Chair: D. D. Chagaris Dissertation Co-Chair: M. S. Allen

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Dissertation: An Evaluation of Teach-Back Acceptability and Effectiveness

Dissertation Chair: N. E. Gravina

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Dissertation: A Metacognitive Approach to Foster the Development of Credibility Assessment Skills in Undergraduate

Learners

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Dissertation: Miami's Forgotten Brazilians: Racialization and the Politics of Exclusion of Afrobrazilians in South Florida

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Dissertation: Videos to Scaffold and Increase Student Engagement in a Hyflex Mathematics Secondary Classroom

Dissertation Chair: T. L. Adams

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Dissertation: Domain Translation and Image Registration for Multi-Look Synthetic Aperture Sonar Scene Understanding

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Dissertation: Social Media Use as Operant Behavior: Determinants and Treatment

Dissertation Chair: J. Dallery

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Dissertation: Global Assessment of Inland Fisheries Using Integrated Socio-Ecological Approaches

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Students

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Dissertation: Rank and Crank Identities and Relationships to Quasi-Modular Forms

Dissertation Chair: F. G. Garvan

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Dissertation: Leveraging the Application of Physiologically Based Modelling to Aid Clinical Drug Development

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Dissertation: Data-Based Learning for Uncertain Nonlinear Systems with Intermittent State Feedback

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Dissertation: The Acceptability of Opioid Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution among the Cooperative Extension

System Workforce

Dissertation Chair: C. L. Striley

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Dissertation: Utilization and Safety of Prescription Antiemetic Drugs during Pregnancy

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Dissertation: Musical Exchange between Poland and the United States during the Cold War: 1962-1985

Dissertation Chair: S. dos Santos

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Dissertation: Applications of the Coupled Cluster Ansatz to the Electronic and Vibrational Structure of Molecules

Dissertation Chair: J. F. Stanton

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Dissertation: Changing Phenology and Management Strategies of Rhipicephalus sanguineus s.l. (Latreille)

Residential Infestations
Dissertation Chair: C. C. Lord
Dissertation Co-Chair: P. E. Kaufman

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Dissertation: The Whitening Process Model: Forging an Anti-Racist Praxis for Descendants of European Immigrants in the

**United States** 

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Dissertation: Community Dynamics of the Urban Pine Rockland Flora

Dissertation Chair: B. H. Baiser

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Dissertation: Black Hole Orbital Dynamics in General Relativity: A Post-Newtonian Approach with Implications for

**Astrophysics and Gravitational Wave Detection** 

Dissertation Chair: C. M. Will

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Major: Agricultural Education and Communication

Dissertation: Understanding the Factors that Influence Extension Faculty's Decision to Apply the Three Pillars of

Sustainability to Their Programming
Dissertation Chair: L.A. Sanagorski-Warner

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Dissertation: Improving Sterile Male Performance of Aedes aegypti for Use in Sterile Insect Technique Programs in Florida

Dissertation Chair: D. A. Hahn

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Dissertation: Utility of Remote Sensing-Based Prediction of Complex Environmental Problems for Ensuring Sustainability of

**Human Well-Being** 

Dissertation Chair: A. S. Jutla

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Dissertation: Assessing Resilience and Non-Linear Dynamics in Social-Ecological Systems through Modeling and

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Dissertation Chair: R. Muneepeerakul Dissertation Co-Chair: C. Angelini

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Dissertation: Machine Learning Techniques for Dynamic Architectural Optimizations of Embedded Systems

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Dissertation: Social Media in the Post-Digital Era: U.S. Army Senior Leaders' Perceived Risk

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Dissertation: Spatiotemporal Ecosystem Dynamics in the West Florida Shelf: Prediction, Validation and Application to Red

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Dissertation: Behavioral Economic Analysis of Food Variety

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Dissertation: The Effects of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) on Anion Transporters in the Equine Colon

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Dissertation: Exploring the Five-Factor Personality Model, Context and Relationship Quality as Predictors or Mediators of

Sexual Infidelity

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Dissertation: Testing and Specification of Material Properties of Non-Proprietary Ultra-High-Performance Concrete

Dissertation Chair: K. A. Riding

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Dissertation: Using In Vivo Models to Determine Factors that Affect the Progression of Alzheimer's Disease and

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Dissertation Chair: J. M. Lewis

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Dissertation: Functional Development of New Aptamers for Neurodegenerative Disease

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Dissertation: Developing Real-World Clinical and Economic Evidence for Biosimilar Filgrastim and Pegfilgrastim

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Artificial Intelligence Dissertation Chair: R. R. Issa

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Dissertation: Land-Climate Feedbacks in the Arctic-Boreal Zone

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Dissertation: Teacher Perceptions of Social and Emotional Learning and Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders

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Dissertation: An Effective Quantum Effect Simulation Framework of 2-D Material and Quantum Computing Devices Aided

by Machine Learning
Dissertation Chair: J. Guo

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Dissertation: Impacts of 2016 Medicare Hospice Care Payment Reform on Hospice Care Quality, Costs, and Disparities

Among Patients with Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Dissertation Chair: N. M. Marlow

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Major: Horticultural Sciences—Environmental Horticulture

Dissertation: Micropropagation and Cryopreservation of Brassavola nodosa (L.) Lindl Orchid

Dissertation Chair: W. A. Vendrame

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Dissertation: Disparities in Mental Health Comorbidities and Mental Health Care Utilization among Young Adults

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Dissertation: Assisted Renter Households in Urban Neighborhoods: Neighborhood Built Environment, Transportation-

Related Outcomes, and Their Neighborhood Satisfaction

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Dissertation: Dysregulation of Iron Homeostasis in Beta-Thalassemia (Th3/+) Mice

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Dissertation: Designing Effective Virtual Human Conversations to Promote Healthy Behaviors

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Dissertation: Examples of Citric Acid-Based Polymer Delivery of Therapeutic Agents

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Dissertation: Removing and Reclaiming Phosphorous from Wastewater with Engineered Biochar

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Raman Spectroscopy

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Dissertation: Estuary Salinity of the Apalachicola Bay in Response to a Changing Climate and Hydrologic

Environmental Variables
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A Leadership Strategy for Increased Performance-Based Funding

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Engineering Student Personas Dissertation Chair: K. M. Dawson

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Dissertation: Trauma-Informed Practices in Elementary School Teacher Implementation and Student Responses

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Course Success Rates at a Primarily Associate Degree-Granting Institution

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Dissertation: Cultivating Support for Secondary Special Education Teachers: A Practitioner Inquiry

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Dissertation: Leading Change While Being Changed: How Community College Presidents Construct and Convey Their

**Experiences Leading Institutional Change Processes** 

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Dissertation: Exploring EAP Students' Sense of Classroom Community When They Use a Class WhatsApp™ Group

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# **What Makes a University Great?**

Some interesting facts about the University of Florida

# **Educational Excellence**

UF is consistently ranked among the nation's top universities: No. 5 in U.S. News & World Report "Top Public Universities" (2022); No. 3 on the Forbes' list of Best Value Public Universities (2019); No. 6 in the New York Times list of universities that do the most to help low-income students (2015); No. 2 in Kiplinger's "Best Values in Public Colleges" (2017); No. 3 in the Milken Institute's Ranking of Best Universities for Technology Transfer.

# **Faculty**

- UF has more than 5,800 faculty members with distinguished records in teaching, research and service, including 36 Eminent Scholar chairs and 51 faculty elections to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, the Institute of Medicine or the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- Awards include three Pulitzer Prizes, NASA's top award for research, the Smithsonian Institution's conservation award and a Fields medal.

# **Students**

- Students admitted for the fall 2022 freshman class had an average 4.49 GPA, average SAT score of 1407, and an average ACT score of 32.
- $\cdot$   $\;$  The freshman retention rate of 97% is among the highest in the country.
- UF ranks 4th and 9th respectively in Latino and African American graduates who go on to receive doctorates in STEM fields. It is also ranked 1st in the nation in the number of African American female faculty in engineering.
- Sixty-seven percent of UF full-time freshmen graduate in four years, and 88% of UF freshmen graduate within six years.





# Chain of Office

This custom-made ornament is worn with the president's regalia, symbolizing the authority and responsibilities of the office. The chain is engraved with the names and service years of the university presidents. The medallion's centerpiece is a 1.3-carat diamond.

# **Academic Mace**

Dating back to the Middle Ages, the mace symbolizes strength and authority. The UF ceremonial mace was created for the university's sesquicentennial celebration in 2003. The 70-inch staff features an alligator sitting atop a globe. The

four pillars supporting the globe represent the four original colleges: Agriculture, Engineering, Law, and Liberal Arts. The staff is carved from cherry wood. The university's chief marshal, who leads all academic processions, carries the mace.





# **Diplomas**

Diplomas will be mailed to the graduate's diploma mailing address in June of 2022.



# Caps and Gowns, An Explanation

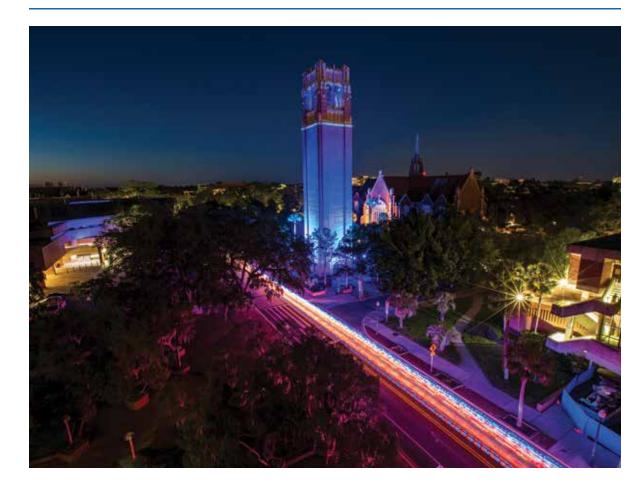
The academic regalia worn by graduating students and faculty in this era evolved from a style of dress worn by members of guilds and religious orders in medieval times. The academic gown is worn by individuals who have earned a degree in higher education. In addition, hoods are worn by graduate degree candidates, but not by undergraduate degree candidates.

At the University of Florida, the lining of the hood has a blue chevron on an orange background to represent the university colors. University faculty members who hold degrees from another college or university wear the colors of their alma mater.

The velvet edging on the academic hood is the color that represents the particular degree held by the wearer. Agricultural and Life Sciences and Forest Resources and Conservation share maize edging; Design, Construction and Planning and Building Construction are blue violet; Audiology degrees have colonial blue edging; Business Administration and Accounting are drab; Dentistry is lilac; Education is light blue; Engineering degrees are represented by orange edging; Fine Arts degrees have brown edging; Health and Human Performance is sage green; Journalism and Communications is garnet; Law is purple; Liberal Arts is white and Liberal Sciences is gold yellow; Medicine is green; Music is pink; Natural Resources and Environment is antique gold; Nursing is apricot; Doctor of Occupational Therapy is slate blue; Doctor of Pharmacy is olive; Philosophy is royal blue; Public Health degrees have salmon pink edging; Rehabilitation Counseling degrees have Nile green edging; and Veterinary Medicine is gray.

Distinctions among sleeves indicate the type of degree held by the wearer. A long, pointed sleeve indicates a bachelor's degree, while a long, closed sleeve with a slit near the upper part of the arm designates a master's degree. A round, open sleeve identifies a doctoral degree.

The blue doctoral regalia also has velvet running on the rest of the gown, including crossbars on the sleeve. Colored tassels on the degree candidates' caps indicate a candidate's school or college.





# Alma Mater

Florida, our Alma Mater
Thy glorious name we praise
All thy loyal sons and daughters
A joyous song shall raise.
Where palm and pine are blowing,
Where southern seas are flowing,
Shine forth thy noble Gothic walls,
Thy lovely vine-clad halls.
Neath the Orange and Blue victorious
Our love shall never fail.
There's no other name so glorious—All hail, Florida, Hail!

# Milton Yeats